

Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration

Fact Sheet: Programs and Initiatives

Title: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

<p>Overview</p>	<p>The intent of the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program is to assist individuals to access housing, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability benefits, and other services to stabilize them and facilitate recovery. Outreach and providing services at the client's pace are important steps to engaging people with serious mental illness (SMI) who are homeless, and linking them to housing, mental health services, substance use treatment, case management, and other supportive services.</p> <p>PATH measurements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The percentage of enrolled homeless individuals who receive community mental health services. • The number of homeless people contacted. • The percentage of contacted homeless persons with serious mental illness who become enrolled in services. • The number of PATH providers trained on Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) to ensure eligible homeless clients are receiving benefits. <p><u>2012 Outcomes:</u></p> <p>Engagement and Enrollment</p> <p>Total Persons Served by PATH: 5,361</p> <p>Total Persons Enrolled in PATH: 2,380</p> <p>Persons Receiving Community Mental Health Services: 1,734 or 73 percent</p> <p>Housing Status at First Contact</p> <p>Literally Homeless: 1,392 or 61 percent</p> <p>Outdoors: 742 or 33 percent</p> <p>Short-term Shelter: 650 or 29 percent</p> <p>At Risk of Homelessness: 878 or 39 percent</p> <p>Long-term Shelter: 402 or 18 percent</p> <p>Apartment/Room/House: 266 or 12 percent</p> <p>Hotel/SRO/Boarding House: 41 or 2 percent</p> <p>Halfway House: 21 or 1 percent</p> <p>Institution: 45 or 2 percent</p> <p>Jail/Correctional Facility: 42 or 2 percent</p> <p>Other: 61 or 3 percent</p> <p>Unknown: 110*</p> <p><small>*Unknown counts are not included in percentage calculations</small></p>
<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>The PATH legislation mandates that the program target persons with serious</p>

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Requirements	mental illness (SMI) who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness and may also experience a co-occurring substance use disorder.
Authority	The PATH program is administered by the Center for Mental Health Services, a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The PATH Program was authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990.
Budget	PATH is a formula grant to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The 2013-2014 federal award for Washington State totaled \$1,219,000. Cash or in-kind match is required of at least \$1 for each \$3 of federal funds.
Fiscal Year cost/numbers served/cost per client	5,361 distinct adult clients received services during FY 2013 at an average cost of \$324.00 per client.
Rates	DBHR contracts with Regional Support Networks (RSNs) and individual licensed mental health agencies across the state for PATH programs based on a submitted Intended Use Plan and budget. There is also a PATH contract with the Veteran's Administration.
Partners	DBHR contracts with regional mental health authorities composed of single or multiple county groups, known as regional support networks (RSNs) to deliver services. All participating RSNs will contract with at least one mental health agency. Four RSNs will contract with two providers. There are thirteen (13) provider agencies in large urban as well as in rural areas. A SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) training project in partnership with the Washington Dept. of Veterans Affairs (DVA) will continue into next year. Northwest Resource Associates is a key project feature for data collection, peer review and transition to HMIS data standards use.
Oversight	The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), is the State PATH recipient and administers the project statewide. The RSNs provide local oversight and sub-contract with local, state licensed private, and non-profit mental health agencies to provide services directly.

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